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1. Shortly before and immediately after General Georgiev's departure for Moscow, Skrzypczynski expressed the view that Georgiev's trip was very important and that his return would indicate Moscow's adoption of a conciliatory stand towards the West. This opinion was for a time one of the main topics of conversation in the Skrzypczynski household and was stated on many occasions to visitors of all nationalities. Skrzypczynski based his conclusions on his own estimate of the general's role and on hints dropped by Georgiev.
2. Mrs. Skrzypczynski is certain that her husband believed the truth of his interpretation at the time, but she and source agree that this means little, in view of his tendency to produce sharp political formulas even though they do not correspond exactly to facts. Because of the lapse of time since Georgiev's departure and the lack of any word of his return, Skrzypczynski has now come to the conclusion that he had overemphasized Georgiev's importance and that his earlier interpretation of the circumstances may have been exaggerated. Both source and Mrs. Skrzypczynski formed this impression independently.
3. Before his departure, Georgiev arranged to notify Skrzypczynski of his return to Karlsbad, where the latter was to meet him. Skrzypczynski expected news by 12 or at latest 14 October, but had received no word up to 20 October. He even investigated through Noczka, a friend working in the pass department of the Czech Military Mission, whether Georgiev had applied for or received a visa to Czechoslovakia. Noczka confirmed both that no visa had been issued to Georgiev (even under the alias Malinin) and that it would be unusual for him to enter the country without a visa.

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4. Skrzypczynski is much depressed over Georgiev's continued absence, which he believes indicates that Moscow has now decided to continue its anti-Western policy. He tries to reassure himself, on the other hand, that it would be ridiculous to fear that Georgiev will not return. Although his views on East-West collaboration were unorthodox, Skrzypczynski has convinced himself that Georgiev is too good a party man to oppose an established line, and hence his personal enmities would offer no obstacle to his return. At some points, Skrzypczynski says that Georgiev is already back at Karlsbad and has simply failed to notify him.
5. Skrzypczynski's agitation over Georgiev's absence is occasioned primarily because his position in the Central Administration for Industry depends very largely on his Russian sponsor. If Georgiev does not return, Skrzypczynski fears that he will be removed, since the SED has long been maneuvering toward that end and his standing with Koval is not good. On the other hand, his personal relations with Vice President Boulanger have recently improved.

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